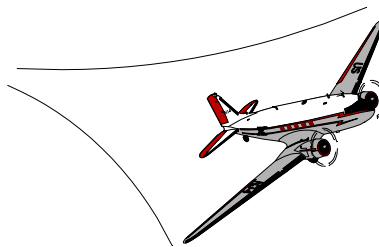


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## Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) advises you, owners and operators of **Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Discus 2a, Discus 2b, Discus bM, Nimbus 4DM, Nimbus-3, and Nimbus 24.5, Ventus 2a, Ventus 2b, Ventus 2cM model sailplanes**, to review the service bulletins (SBs) listed below.

SB (Technical Note)	LBA AD	MODEL	DATE	TOPIC
286-34	2002-357	Nimbus-3 Nimbus 24.5	9/23/2002	Service life extension
825-31 863-7 868-5	2002-199/2	Ventus-2cM Discus bM Nimbus-4DM	6/20/2002	Propeller hub failure
349-28 360-20 863-8	2003-280	Discus 2a Discus 2b Ventus 2a Ventus 2b	9/16/2003	Elevator mass balance weights

## Background

We conducted a review of the specified Schempp-Hirth sailplane SBs. These models or some serial numbers of these models are not type certificated in the United States, and therefore do not meet the criteria for mandatory action. We don't issue ADs for sailplanes without a U.S. type certificate.

## Recommendation

The FAA **strongly** recommends that you review the SBs listed above.

## The Service Bulletins Can Be Obtained From

Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH, Postfach 1443, D-73222 Kirchheim/Teck, Germany, phone: (011) 49 7021 7298-0, Fax: (011) 49 7021 7298-199.

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